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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: AOKI ET AL.)
S.N.: 09/486,981) Examiner: PRICE, E.
Filed: 02/28/00) Art Unit: 1621
Confirmation No: 7006)
For: MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS)
CONTAINING PHENOL)
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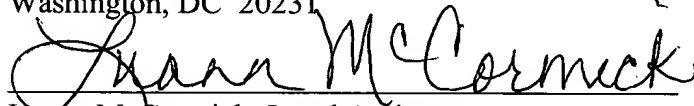
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RESPONSE


Dear Sir:

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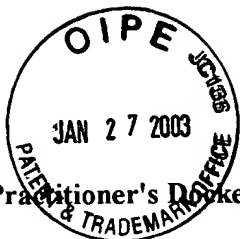
Applicants elect 3,3'-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-4,4'-dihydroxydiphenyl sulfone, which is Compound No. 38 in Table 1 and was stated in Example 1, Example 2, etc. The 3,3'-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-4,4'-dihydroxydiphenyl sulfone is included in claims 1-3, 12-14, 16-18 and 28-30.

Very respectfully,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

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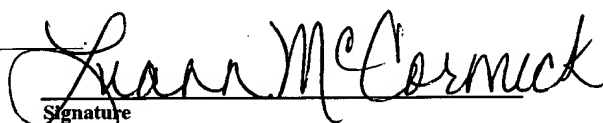
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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

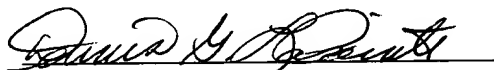
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TOTAL	16	—	20 =	0 x	\$ 18.00	= \$	
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